

BANQUET PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies
The Honorable Greg Milnes W7AGQ

Doors Open 6:45

Dinner 7:00

Introductions Greg Milnes W7AGQ

Special Recognition & Awards
..... Ray Deeth K7VDQ

Banquet Speaker ... Earl E. Van Valkenberg

Door Prize Drawing ... Greg Milnes W7AGQ

Banquet Speaker:

Earl E. Van Valkenberg, CMSgt., USAF (Ret.)

Chief Master Sergeant Earl E. Van Valkenberg has lived in the Northwest since 1942, and he currently makes his home in Vancouver, Washington. Van is recently retired after 37 years and 3 months of military service. His career in the military included enlistments in both the Navy and the Air Force and spanned a wide range of times and places, starting with nine months' service at the end of World War II. He also served 18 months in Korea in 1951 and 1952, the Santo Domingo uprising, and 27 months in Viet Nam between 1964 and 1966. His last duty assignment was on Air Force One, the Flying White House, as Chief Communicator. From this duty station, his call sign was AF40, Aeronautical Mobile.

Van will discuss how he came to be Chief Communicator, his duties and experiences on Air Force One, and other 'behind the scenes' White House activities. Ample time will be available for questions. During his previous talks at other events, he's never had to not answer a question because of classification restrictions.

As Chief Communicator, Van was responsible for all communications to and from Air Force One. This included such duties as ensuring that the President had at least one clear secure channel at all times, regardless of location or conditions. He flew with all of the U.S. Presidents, starting with Richard Nixon. He also flew with Vice Presidents, Secretaries of State, Cabinet officers, Congressmen, other heads of state and celebrities such as Bob Hope. His flights have taken him all over the world, including the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union.

Although he is retired, Van has continued to consult with the designers and engineers preparing the new Boeing 747 Air Force One airplanes. His practical experience has resulted in several communications system design changes. His varied hobbies are as interesting as his military career. He is a sky diver, and he has made over 2041 free-falls. Nine of these have been from 40,000 feet. He has participated with the HALO Skydiving Team. His other interests include roller skating, water and snow skiing.

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Seaside, Oregon**

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